(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any study for such heart ailment and if so, remedial measures taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, there is no data available from any long term epidemiological cohort study which indicates an increasing trend in number of persons suffering from heart diseases in Delhi. However, it has been observed from different cross sectional surveys and hospital statistics of different hospitals located in Delhi that there is an increasing trend of heart diseases in Delhi. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated steps to obtain the 'in principle' approval of the Planning Commission to start a National Programme on Prevention of Cardio Vascular Diseases.

Health Melas in NE Region

3981. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise Health Melas in NER to create awareness and provide health services to the people of the region;

(b) if so, the details of the Health Melas organised in the NER during the last two years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The proposal to organize Health Melas in all constituencies in N.E. Region is currently under consideration.

During 2003-2004, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India observed "Swasthya Jagrukta Maah" from 15 Janaury, 2004 to 15 February, 2004 and released funds @ Rs. 8.00 lacs per Lok Sabha Constituency. In N.E. States, funds were released for organising Health Melas as follows:—

1. Arunachal Pradesh—2

2. Assam—14

3. Manipur—2

4. Meghalaya—2

5. Mizoram—1

6. Nagaland—1

7. Sikkim—1

8. Tripura—2

Medicines shortage in CGHS Dispensary

3982. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CGHS subscribers, getting medicines from the Ayurvedic Dispensary, Kingsway Camp, face a lot of diffculties as the medicines are often not available and also the staff does not attend the dispensary in time; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter so that CGHS beneficiaries get medicines in time and they have not to wait for longer hours particularly during morning hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Adequate quantity of medicines are available at the CGHS Ayurvedic Unit, Kingsway Camp. By and large, the staff of the CGHS Ayurvedic unit are punctual in attending the dispensary.

(b) Improvement of CHGS services is a continuous process and care is taken to ensure that beneficiaries get medicines on time and are properly attended to at the dispensary without having to wait for a long time.

Spurious drugs checking

†3983. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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